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1. SUMMARY. KENROKYO HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE JOINT STRUGGLE COUNCIL AND TO RECOMMEND DISSOLUTION OF THE REVERSION COUNCIL. THE MOVES WILL FACILITATE KENROKYO SUPPORT FOR SOCIALISTS AND COMPETITION WITH COMMUNISTS. DEMISE OF THE REFORMIST COALITION WILL COMPLICATE YARA'S JOB AND MAY LEAD TO MORE STRIDENT ANTI-BASE AGITATION AMONG COMPETING LEFTISTS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE LEADERSHIP OF KENROKYO (THE OKINAWA PREFECTURAL LABOR UNION COUNCIL) HAS DECIDED TO PROPOSE TO ITS OCTOBER CONVENTION WITHDRAWAL FROM THE REFORMIST JOINT STRUGGLE COUNCIL
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AND DISSOLUTION OF FUKKIKYO (REVERSION COUNCIL, OKINAWA'S TWO

MAJOR REFORMIST COALITION GROUPS.

3. (U) KENROKYO PUBLICLY ATTRIBUTED ITS DECISION TO THE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN A CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE UNION AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF REVERSION, FUKKIKYO'S APPARENT REASON FOR EXISTENCE. IN FACT KENROKYO'S DECISION IS PART OF THE PROCESS OF OKINAWAN REALIGNMENT WITH THE MAINLAND JAPAN POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND REFLECTS INCREASING SOCIALIST CONCERN WITH COMMUNIST GROWTH. THE MOVE WILL PERMIT KENROKYO TO SUPPORT THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) FREED FROM THE INHIBITIONS IMPOSED BY PARTICIPATION IN THE REFORMIST COALITION.

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4. (U) KENROKYO AND THE JSP HAVE COMPLAINED WITH INCREASING BITTERNESS THAT THE REFORMIST COALITION ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SERVED TO STIFLE GROWTH OF THE JSP AND TO ENHANCE THE STRENGTH OF THE OPP (OKINAWAN PEOPLE'S PARTY WHICH WILL FORMALLY MERGE INTO THE COMMUNIST PARTY LATER THIS YEAR). THE OPP HAS BEEN ABLE TO USE ITS CONTROL OF KEY POSITIONS IN SECRETARIATS OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO EXERT INFLUENCE OUT OF PROPORTION TO OPP STRENGTH OVER THE ORGANIZATIONS. KENROKYO HAS ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE OPP HAS BEEN ABLE TO USE THIS POSITION TO MANIPULATE PERSONNEL SELECTION IN THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY AT THE SECOND ECHELON. THE OPP HAS QUICKLY DENOUNCED THE KENROKYO MOVE WHICH OPP DIET MEMBER KAMEJIRO SENAGA CHARGED WILL PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF LDP.

5. KENROKYO'S ACTION, HOWEVER, WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE GOVERNOR YARA'S PROBLEMS IN ADMINISTERING OKINAWA PREFECTURE. THE REFORMIST COALITION PROVIDED THE POLITICAL BASE FOR HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION. SINCE REVERSION, EMERGING DIVISIONS WITHIN THE COALITION HAVE GIVEN HIM, INCREASINGLY, PROBLEMS (REF B). IF IMPLEMENTED, KENROKYO'S DECISION WILL REMOVE THE LAST FACADE OF REFORMIST UNITY AND LEAD TO INCREASING TURMOIL IN THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT. ACCORDINGLY, YARA AND HIS SUPPORTERS WILL PROBABLY

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TAKE THE LEAD IN TRYING TO INDUCE KENROKYO'S LEADERSHIP TO REVERSE THEIR DECISION BEFORE THE OCTOBER CONVENTION.
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6. DISSOLUTION OF FUKKIKYO WOULD ALSO REMOVE THE TRADITIONAL FOCUS OF ANTI-BASE ACTIVITIES. KENROKYO SAYS THAT IT WILL CARRY ON THESE ACTIVITIES THROUGH GENSUIKYO (THE SOCIALIST'S ANTI A AND H BOMB COUNCIL). FUKKIKYO'S DEMISE, HOWEVER, MAY ACTUALLY RESULT IN MORE STRIDENT ANTI-BASE AGITATION AS THE VARIOUS REFORMIST GROUPS COMPETE FOR ASCENDENCY ON THE LEFT.

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